

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 5-27, 31-36, 39-43, 46-50, 56, and 59-67 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 31, 33, 36, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 50, 56, and 60-62 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and no claims have been added herein. Hence, claims 1, 5-27, 31-36, 39-43, 46-50, 56, and 59-67 remain pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims, as amended, for at least the reasons presented below.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 5-27, 31-36, 39-43, 46-50, 56, and 60-67 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. As an initial matter, the Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful reading of claims and for kindly pointing out these informalities. Amendments to correct these informalities have been made herein.

More specifically, the Office Action has rejected claims 1, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 36, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 50, 56 and 60-63, as these claims recite the limitation "said application" without sufficient antecedent basis, alleging that it is not clear whether the limitation refers to the "application program interface" or the "application without a web gate". Claims 1, 7, 16, 18, 21, 24, 27, 36, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 50, 56, 60-62 have been amended to correct this informality. Namely, each recitation of "said application" has been amended to recite "said application without a web agent front end."

While claim 63 was rejected for the same reason, claim 63 does not in fact recite "said application." Therefore, the Applicants assume this to be a typographical error and have not amended claim 63. Clarification of this matter is respectfully requested.

The Office Action has rejected claims 27 and 50 as these claims recited the limitation "said access system interface" without sufficient antecedent bases. Claims 27, 31, 33, and 50 have been amended to correct this informality. Specifically, these claims have been amended to recite "said application program interface" rather than "said access system interface."

The Office Action has rejected claims 61 and 62 as these claims recite the limitation "said first user" without sufficient antecedent bases. Claim 61 has been amended to correct this informality. Specifically, claim 61 has been amended to recite "a first user," thereby providing proper antecedent basis.

Claims Indicated as Allowable

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicated allowance of claims 1, 5-27, 31-36, 39-43, 46-50, 56 and 62 if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection set forth in the Office Action. As explained above, amendments have been made herein to correct these informalities. Therefore, all claims are now thought to be in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully point out that claims 59 and 60 depend from allowable claim 56 and, for at least this reason, are also thought to be allowable as well. However, these claims are not indicated in the Office Action as being allowable and no reasons are given for their rejection. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request clarification of the status of these claims.

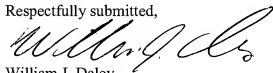
Similarly, claims 61 and 63-67 are not indicated in the Office Action as being allowable and no reasons are given for their rejection other than the informalities addressed above. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request clarification of the status of these claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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